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INVENTION: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCING FULLERENE

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Sir:

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20 **In the Specification:**

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SPECIFICATION

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

25 **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCING FULLERENE**

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a method and a device for producing
fullerenes and more particularly to a method and a device for producing fullerenes
capable of producing a large amount of fullerenes, particularly, carbon nanotubes
30 with high yield.

A carbon nanotube is an allotrope of carbon and is generally known to exist
in a single-walled or a multi-walled form composed of laminating rolled-up

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